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I received this from the State Land Office. I had not seen the comments they sent in- did they request an extension in their comments? I won't reply until we can chat.
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From: **Henne, Lisa** <lhenne@slo.state.nm.us>
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Hi Deb,

Do you have any updates you can share regarding the final decision for listing Texas hornshell mussel? In case you haven't seen it, I am attaching the comment letter the Commissioner submitted for the proposed listing.

The Commissioner requests that at a minimum, the final decision be postponed for 6 months to allow time for the Service to consider the best available scientific information with respect to the hornshell populations in Mexico, which represents the majority of the species' historical range. It does not appear that the Service has made any attempt whatsoever to evaluate readily available data that could provide a scientific basis for assumptions about the status of the populations in Mexican rivers. In addition to the Mexican populations having a completely different climate, terrain, and land use patterns, there are two UNESCO biosphere reserves located right in the species' core habitat area in Mexico that are likely to be collecting data on or implementing conservation efforts to benefit the species. The Commissioner is also concerned about the lack of consideration for the Candidate Conservation Agreements that are being finalized to benefit the species in New Mexico and Texas.

I appreciate any updates you can provide.

Regards, Lisa

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